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MAKING GOOD PROGRESS ON NEW BUILDING

Framework at Rolling Mills All Replaced and Men Working Night and Day on New Structure.

Every minute of the mild weather of the past week has been taken advantage of by the management of the Rolling Mills here in order to rush through to completion the new buildings now under construction, and as a result, great progress is being made. The frame work which was blown down by the high wind storm on the 17th of last month, has all been replaced. This frame work is being used as a means of sheltering the workmen engaged in installing the cement pillars which are to support the main building, and as the enclosures are heated it serves to keep the cement at the proper temperature during the setting process.

In order to rush the work through as quickly as possible men are working on this construction night and day with about thirty men on each shift. To make this possible lights have been liberally distributed around the premises where the building is being erected.

While all this construction work is going on the work in connection with the new structure is being interfered with. On the contrary work of rolling out iron is proceeding with a greater rush than ever before in the history of the mill, which will enable it to run with a full force night and day.

When the new structure will be completed depends largely on the weather, but if the present temperature continues for another week work will be far more advanced to allow the men to continue work on the main part of the building for the balance of the winter and it will be ready to operate early in the spring.

Bulgaria Accepts Slav Peace Terms

The Bulgarian premier, Vasil Radakoff, according to Sofia dispatch, has sent a message to all the provincial prefects to the effect that Bulgaria has accepted the Russian proposals—first, that the war between Bulgaria and Russia be ended; second, that the status quo ante bellum with respect to territorial frontiers and consular and other conventions be re-established; third, regarding the Danube question, that this be decided by a commission, Bulgaria to have a representative on the commission. The premier added: "Both parties have congratulated each other on the result."

U. S. Hospital Trains Built in Record Time

The first of six American hospital trains built in England for use in France started for American headquarters last Monday. This train was completed by the re-building shops of the Midland railway, under a rush order, in less than 11 weeks, which is a record for English car builders. The train consists of 16 cars which have accommodations for 400 patients. It is over 900 feet long. The cars are painted khaki color and have on them the familiar Red Cross insignia and also "U. S." in large letters. Inside the cars are finished in mahogany and white enamel.

Peace with Slavs And Huns Broken off

Peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been broken off by the Bolshevik government owing to the German ultimatum in regard to Poland and Lithuania and the enemy's proposal that Germany be retained at Liebau, Riga and elsewhere, according to a telegram from Petrograd to the Daily News. The Daily News correspondent says further that considerable numbers of Red Guards are being called to reinforce the front, and that other preparations for defense are being made.

Masons Install Officers For 1918

"At a special meeting of the local Masonic lodge held last Thursday the following elected officers were installed by W. W. Bro. W. H. Hatcher, D. G. M.: W. M.—Bro. T. J. Amshel, F. M.—Bro. W. B. J. Bott, S. W.—Bro. C. V. Gieson, J. W.—Bro. E. L. Spore, Chaplain—Bro. Wm. Henderson, Secretary—Bro. F. H. Courtneil, Treasurer—Bro. J. Rutherford, D. D.—Bro. E. S. Hodge, J. D.—Bro. C. E. Oakland, S. S.—Bro. A. N. Collier, J. S.—Bro. R. Whay. Tyler—After the installation ceremony a pleasant social hour was spent.

Work of the Cow Bill in 1917

"During the past eight months the 'Cow Bill' passed at the last session of the legislature has been brought very effectively into operation. One thousand and thirty farmers have taken advantage of the act and have formed associations, and under it have purchased breeding cattle. Care has been exercised to see that the men who were availing themselves of the privilege of this act were prepared to take care of their cattle through the winter, and as we are now well into the winter, the government has decided to suspend operations under the act until spring, as practically all who were prepared to winter their cattle have secured loans. Arrangements will be made by the Department of Agriculture for the carrying on of the work during the year 1918, recognizing, as it does, the very great importance of holding steady the ranch of the homesteaders of the province. Few acts passed by the legislature have worked out more satisfactorily than the 'Cow Bill'."

Hun Spy Responsible For Russian Trouble

"The London Times prints a long letter from its Petrograd correspondent dated Saturday, which purports to substantiate the view that the Bolshevik revolt was managed by Germany and that the movement is essentially anti-national and anti-Russian. The letter says: "It is a notorious fact, and has been proved by documents in possession of the Kerensky government, that many commissioned Lenin and gave him money to go to Russia to sow dissension in the Russian army."

Well Put Dynamite Under Kaiser's Throne

Germany's peace proposals will be replied to by the United States. It was indicated at the state department that a reply is already in preparation through consultation between the United States and the other allies. The reply, it is forecast, will prevent the German government from shifting the burden of continuing hostilities to the shoulders of the Allies. It will be so red hot as to fairly put dynamite under the Kaiser's throne, according to the opinion of one high official, expressed to the International News Service.

Gompers New Year Message to Labor

In a New Year's greeting to all organized labor, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, calls upon representatives and organizers to make plain to their fellow the issues involved in the war and the obligation that devolves upon all citizens. He also emphasizes the importance of seeing to it that the spirit and methods of democracy are maintained at home while the country labors to establish them in international relations.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE HARVEST VALLEY S. D. 3563. The annual meeting of the Harvest Valley School District, 3563, will be held in the School House at 2 p. m., Friday, January 11th, 1918. P. H. WEDDERBURN, Secretary-Treasurer.

CHURCH NOTICES

CATHOLIC CHURCH. Catholic services will be held in Crey's hall the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 4 o'clock a. m.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. His Majesty, the King, has asked all his loyal subjects to observe next Sabbath as a day of special prayer for the army and navy, and for victory. This request will be observed at Church services, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor will preach. Sabbath school at 2 p. m.

Some of the teachers' will meet on Saturday afternoon to prepare the books for distribution. Let every pupil be present next Sabbath.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND. Holy communion at 8 a. m.; litany and holy communion 11 a. m. Children's service 2:30. Evensong 7:30. Special services throughout the day which has been appointed by King George to be observed throughout the Empire as a day of prayer and thanksgiving.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Sunday morning worship at 11; subject: "Jonah's Second Chance." Sunday evening at 7:30; subject: "The Last Chance of Nations." Sunday school at 12 o'clock. Tuesday—Fellowship meeting at 8 p. m. Thursday—Ladies' Aid at 2:30 p. m.

UNION BIBLE CLASS. The class meets in the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Besides the second lesson in Mark's Gospel, the class will next Sabbath elect its officers for the present quarter.

Cost of Living Is Still Increasing

A further increase in the cost of living is shown in the November monthly report of the labor department, which shows the cost of the weekly budget of staple foods was \$12.10 as compared with \$11.81 in the previous month, and with \$9.11 in November, 1916. Potatoes contributed more to the increased cost of living than any other commodity, rising in price in all the provinces but British Columbia, where a decrease was recorded. Invaluable prices obtained also for eggs, milk, butter, and bread, while chickens were recorded in a flat and constant. The prices of meats showed but little difference on the whole from the previous month. Wheat also showed some advance for the month. The chief increases were in tallow, grain, meat and miscellaneous foods, while the most important decreases occurred in the prices of hides, metals and implements.

Earthquake Ruins Guatemala City

Guatemala City, capital of the little Central American republic of Guatemala, has been laid in ruins by a series of earthquakes, beginning Christmas day culminating in violent shocks which completed the work of destruction. A cablegram to the navy department said that 125,000 people were in the streets without shelter and that a number were killed by falling walls.

No Liquor to be Shipped into Halifax

As a result of the visit of ministers of the Federal cabinet to Halifax the transportation of liquor into that city has been banned. The minister of railroads and his colleagues have decided that the Canadian government railway and express companies should refuse transportation to Halifax of intoxicating liquor. Hon. Dr. Reid has notified General Manager Hayes to advise all officials to refuse any further consignments either by rail or express.

Instructions have been sent to all army and navy cantons to save all the used tea leaves, which are to be carefully kept in metal cans and forwarded to central depot. The old leaves are not to be used again in making beverages, but are needed in connection with munition making.

England Introduces Strict Food Measures

England's first experience with compulsory rationing was with sugar. No person could obtain supplies except by card. Though Rhonda, the food controller, is expected soon to issue an order for a meatless day. It is understood that a comprehensive plan for alleviation of conditions among the poor who have been compelled to stand in line for hours waiting for supplies, will be in full swing before the New Year is far advanced. The food ministry has been working for months on the plan. With the seizure of margarine last week and the introduction of the sugar card system, the lines of waiting people in the London district dwindled. The allowance of margarine is four ounces per capita weekly, and of sugar half pound. Other measures may be summarized as follows: Voluntary to be used in the manufacture of bread, to economize in the consumption of cereals. No calves or hares to be killed, and the sale of wild and lamb to be prohibited. The sale of ice-cream and water to be forbidden. Curers of bacon and ham to make returns of their output not later than January 10.

Canadians Have Not Died for Nothing

The high commissioner for Canada sends the following Christmas message from London: "I am glad to send home this Christmas message of confidence and good cheer. Now the election is over no doubt, all controversy and recrimination will cease, as I feel sure the nation will accept the verdict of the people. I fear this Christmas will be a lonely one for many thousands of Canadians in many parts of the world. I feel, however, that the many anxious awaiting news of missing, longing for news of their loved ones, are able to comfort themselves in remembering the wonderful things in our own lives. Our heavy casualties in 1917, terrible and successful as they are, have not been in vain. Our boys have not suffered and died for nothing."

Many Teuton Prisoners Will Not Return Home

Thousands of Teuton prisoners of war in Russia will not return to their homes at the conclusion of a separate peace. It was learned in Washington that many of these men have taken advantage of the anarchy throughout Russia to cause being prisoners. Many of them have married Russian girls. Many of them have been elected to office in the various local governments that have been set up. They say they will never return to be impressed into a hopeless battle.

British Advance Again in Palestine

The forces under General Allenby in Palestine have advanced another three miles along the main road, according to the official statement issued last Sunday, and after stubborn resistance have occupied Beirut, the ancient name of which is Beiruth. East of the road Hinnomberg was taken; west of the road the ridge of Rawilah and Khittir was occupied.

Italy is Running Short of Wheat

The Italian minister reporting to the chamber Saturday said Italy's wheat supply amounted to 29,000,000 quintals. Thirty-six per cent, quintals were needed. He pointed out that despite precautions, the war and other causes, such as increased the annual consumption of wheat from 62,000,000 to 65,000,000. Four million quintals of wheat had been lost during the evacuation of the invaded territory.

ALASKA GOES DRY.

Alaska went on the list of "bone dry" states and territories at midnight last Monday. Some of the saloons which closed their doors have been operating since the day of the gold rush in 1898. Prohibition was proclaimed from the Arctic ocean to the California-Oregon line, as British Columbia, Washington and Oregon are now dry.

Surprise Party to Rev. & Mrs. Wright

On Tuesday last, January 1st, a very pleasant evening was spent at St. Ambrose vicarage, Redcliff. The occasion was a delightful surprise party tendered to the Rev. and Mrs. Wright. Miss Chapman. Twenty-four people came along bringing a plentiful supper with them. The evening was happily spent in playing very enjoyable games. At the conclusion of the festivities Mrs. Wheeler arose, and in a very happy manner, made a most fluent speech, at the end of which she presented to Mr. and Mrs. Wright, the handsome sum of fifty-two dollars subscribed for by the congregation and some outside friends. Mr. and Mrs. Wright responded most gratefully, thanking Mrs. Wheeler for her indefatigable in collecting this generous sum herself, and all those who so kindly contributed, and expressing their sorrow at their departure from Redcliff. The evening terminated with the singing of *Old Lang Syne*, followed by the National Anthem.

24,000 Canadians To be Called To-day

Twenty-four thousand men will be called to the colors today, January 3, under the Military Service Act, says a dispatch from London. These are A1 and A2 men who have been refused exemption and have not appealed. There will be twelve battalion depot headquarters, one in each military district, and it is expected that there will be two thousand for each depot.

Soldiers have already been brought back from the front to officer and train the draftees. The drafted men will be used entirely as reinforcement, and as far as possible men will be forwarded to battalions at the front recruited from the same districts in Canada. The territorial system will be followed as closely as possible. The drafted men will be trained for several months in Canada and then sent to the front in English camps to complete their training before going to the front.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Murray Lawson Gordon, of Spokane spent the Christmas vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. G. Lawson Davidson. He left for Spokane yesterday.

A week ago there was over a foot of snow in the prairie and stock ranches were beginning to get anxious about food for the cattle. The chinook solved the problem and now the prairie has a very numerous appearance.

Mrs. Harper entertained the boy Scouts to a pleasant social evening last Saturday. During the evening games of various kinds were played and a dainty lunch served. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

The skating rink was in good condition for using when the snow storm came along and spelled the opening. The chinook which followed has made it necessary to make a new start again. This will be true as soon as the weather turns colder.

The dance held in Reid's hall last Monday evening under the auspices of the local Odd Fellows lodge was a great success from every standpoint. There was a good crowd in attendance and the music was excellent, leaving nothing to be desired.

During the past week arrangements have been completed whereby the management of the Express theatre has taken over the management of the Amuse-U as well. In future Mr. Oskelund will run with theatre. He took possession of the Amuse-U last Wednesday.

ONE TRAIN FROM VANCOUVER IN 76 HOURS

The train service between Vancouver and eastern points was resumed over the Canadian Pacific Tuesday night after an interruption, due to floods near the mountains. The first train to arrive was about 67 hours late, an unprecedented delay even for the Canadian Pacific railway mountain section.

FOUNDRY IN ORNAMENTAL NOW RUNNING

Staff now Employed Making Caps and Other Castings for Rolling Mill—Further Development Expected.

The old Ornamental Iron plant recently taken over by the Canadian Western Steel Company here, is gradually working up into another busy industry for Redcliff. Although this plant is not as yet being utilized to its full capacity it is gradually being remodelled and fitted up for what promises to be a very active institution. The foundry in connection with the plant is in operation turning out cast caps and other castings for the new building near the Rolling Mills. It is also making all the castings and doing all the repair work in connection with the Rolling Mills. Previously all this class of work was sent out of town.

U. S. Troops Get Six Mexican Bandits

At least six Mexican bandits were killed in a night between United States troops and Texas rangers at Salsburg at San Jose, Mexico, opposite the Indian ranch, which is 60 miles south of Eagle Pass, according to an official statement at military headquarters. The Americans had crossed into Mexico on the trail of Mexican cattle thieves. There were no American casualties.

British Bag Five Enemy Airplanes

Five German airplanes were destroyed or put out of action by the British on Sunday. The British lost none of theirs. "Two hostile machines were brought down in our lines on Sunday," says an official statement given out. "A third was brought down in the enemy's lines. Two other hostile machines were driven down out of control. None of our airplanes are missing."

Oats now Drawing Old Wheat Prices

Before the war farmers used to sign for a bushel whilst today oats are not far from that figure, having been quoted locally. Indeed, American contracts are now being based on this. As is well known, the scarcity is boosting prices. Moreover, the demand from the northwestern states is very heavy. Montana dealers paying a premium of 5c a bushel, which is having the effect of drawing huge quantities south.

Judge Breaks Record In Appeal Cases

Albert Judge has heard and decided 240 cases in eight hours. This is believed to constitute a record for Canada, if not for the North American continent. The Judge was Mr. Justice Simons of the supreme court of Alberta, the sitting in question was held at Stettin last week on Military Service Act appeals.

The figures mean that Judge Simons adjudged 30 cases an hour, or one every two minutes.

The unbroken temperature of 50 to 60 below zero, which has prevailed in Dawson for a solid month continues with no indication of a break.

General prosperity from one end of Canada to the other with cheerful outlook for the future, is the epitome of the annual New Year's articles, contributed to the Monetary Times by the premiers of all provinces of the Dominion.

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TREE PLANTING.

Probably it is the spring-like weather of the past week that makes us think of the great need of more trees on our streets and around our homes. Although we are convinced that this weather has not come to stay yet it is none too early to start making arrangements for this very important branch of spring and summer work.

Since there is nothing that helps to beautify a town or a home more than an abundance of trees, and since we are practically devoid of anything along this line, a real good opportunity for town improvement presents itself not only to the council but to every citizen who has any interest whatever in the town.

We have a park—at least we have a plot of ground set apart for that purpose—yet we have never been able to make any use of it for the simple reason that it is just like any other similar portion of the bald prairie. We expect to have a fairly good band to furnish music this coming summer. Then the question will arise: "Where are they going to play when the nice weather does come."

To be sure it is too early to lay out parks and plant trees but it is not too early to make plans. Once upon a time we had a local improvement organization in town, composed largely of women. We are informed they did good work for a time but they have passed out of existence. It might be good idea if they would reorganize, if for no other reason than to start the park agitation again. This is something we think the women could handle much more satisfactorily than the men and we are sure they would get hearty support from the men.

The question of tree planting is not one that applies only to the town. If farmers would do more of it around their homes and schools it would be time and money well spent. Trees are supplied by the experimental farms throughout the country for this purpose but it is advisable to order early, as the demand is very great when planting time arrives.

WE DON'T KNOW IT.

Soldiers returning from the front to Canada, after spending a short time in parts of France remote from the war zone, or in England, tell us that we don't know there is a war. By this they do not mean that we have no idea of trench life or of the destruction of modern warfare. They mean rather, that, being in a country of comparative peace and plenty we know nothing of the sacrifices, hardship, stinting and economy of those whose homes are nearer the seat of the great conflict.

Over here we are being continually advised by those who are in a position to know existing conditions throughout the world to practice thrift and economy, but we pay little or no attention to them and go along in much the same old way as we did in peace times. We appear to think that because times are good and wages high we are prosperous and that all this talk about thrift and economy is nonsense. We lose sight of the

fact that although wages are high and although farmers are getting a good price for their produce, the cost of living and the cost of everything the farmer requires is high in proportion. As a result there is just as much need for economy now as there ever was, else we are not going to be in a position to cope with future conditions when the 40 or 50 million men now in the trenches again become competitive producers and laborers.

A leading American publicist in discussing after the war conditions recently said:

"A nation that earns and spends is not going ahead; a nation that earns and saves can own the earth."

AN OPPORTUNITY.

With the present activities in the different industries in town and extensions in some of them well under way, there will, no doubt, be a great demand for houses in the spring, as almost every available residence is now occupied.

This being the case there is a good opportunity for any who have a little spare cash to build a few houses to rent. True, material is a little more expensive now than in normal times but the saving that could be made in the purchase of lots would about offset this, as a number of lots which went to the town at the last tax sale could, no doubt, be purchased very favorably.

The present also furnishes a good opportunity for those who may already have vacant lots to make them revenue producing by putting up a residence on them. The taxes are no more on a lot with a house on it than on a vacant lot. The houses required and which are now in demand are not necessarily expensive ones, so long as they are well built. This being the case it would not require much of an outlay and the investment would be a paying one from the start.

NEEDS FIXING.

Farmers coming from the north tell us there is a very bad piece of road on the approach to the C. P. R. crossing just east of the station. In soft weather like the present it is almost impassable for teams with a load.

This is a very serious handicap to farmers coming to town to do their trading and should be attended to as soon as possible. We do know whether the bad section is on the town street or on the C. P. R. right of way but which ever it is the matter should be taken up by the council before another chinook comes along. A few loads of gravel or cinders, we are told, would make a big improvement.

INCREASED RAIL RATES.

It appears to be a strange coincidence that, almost at the same time as the United States government announces that it intends taking over the operation of all railroads in that country, the Canadian railroad commission decides that our railroads in this country are justified in raising their freight and passenger rates from ten to fifteen per cent.

An increase of fifteen per cent in freight rates need not necessarily mean a very noticeable increase in the price of goods which are shipped from point to point by freight, but unfortunately, judging from past experience, it does. For instance, the fifteen per cent increase in freight rates on one thousand pounds at a rate of \$1.00 per hundred would amount to three hundred and fifteen pounds. But the jobber thinks that because the freight rate has been increased three twentieths of a cent he must raise the price of an article which he previously sold at 20c a pound up to 21c a

pound. Each man whose hands that article passes through also adds another cent until when the article finally reaches the consumer it costs from five to ten cents more than it did before the freight rate was raised three twentieths of a cent. The public pays for it and pays dearly. This being the case it looks like as though the time was opportune for the people to take over the railroads themselves, and this could be very easily accomplished if our government would follow the example already set by the United States government.

The Dominion government already has one railroad on its hands and is spoonfeeding a portion of another one. Neither of these adopted children is at present a paying proposition. But there is another husky branch of the railroad family in this country which is not on its career with the fattest calf tucked under its belt and the ring on its finger and is now no longer eating the hugs but is rather growing exceeding fat. Why not let us gather him under our parental wings also. In this way the food and parent could use the prodigal's surplus to keep his less fortunate brothers going until they, too, got on their feet.

These are times of great changes and reforms. It was because of this a union government was endorsed by the people last month and they were endorsed because it was expected they would do just things at this.

Premier Lloyd George, in a New Year's message to the nation, appeals to all at home to work hard, practice economy, and buy war bonds. "It will lead us long to safety for our own people and victory for our cause," he declared.

The "Merry Christmas" is unthinkable in the fourth year of the bitterest and bloodiest of wars. Not so the "Happy New Year." In 1913 we may see the finish of the awful struggle that has been sapping us of life and treasure for 43 long and terrible months.



ADMIRAL SIR JOHN JELICOE. Who has been retired as First Sea Lord and is succeeded by Sir Basil Wemyss, who is now in supreme command of the British fleet.

Will Count Soldiers

Votes This Month

Forty thousand military and naval votes cast in North America has been received in Ottawa. They come from all parts of the United States and Canada; from polling stations held in trains and ships; from points as remote as Sable Island. Only one poll—that held on a vessel now on the high seas—was remaining to be heard from. Allocation of the votes to the various constituencies will be begun probably on January 8th. That and the subsequent counting is expected to take up the whole of January. Final announcement of the military and naval vote, here and overseas, is not expected before the first week in February. It was hoped to hold the deferred election in Nelson, Manitoba, on January 28th, the same day as the election in the Yukon and Halifax. This has been found, however, to be impracticable and the election in Nelson will not be held till next month.

At least one million Greeks, men, women and children, have perished as the result of organized massacres by "The Turbo-Germans" in Asiatic Turkey, according to a statement, by Lazaros George Maa-Rides, son of a leading merchant of Thessalonika, made

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Alberta Farm Loan Act

War conditions and unforeseen developments incident thereto have prompted the Provisional Government to make a statement of the situation with respect to the operation of the Farm Loan Act.

The Act was passed in April last and the matter of bringing it into operation has been constantly before the government. It will be remembered that up to that time the United States had not entered the war and that the American market was then open to the world for borrowing purposes. As soon, however, as the United States joined the Allies, her markets were closed to outside borrowers with the result that our source of supply—one from which in recent years a substantial portion of our borrowings had been received—was cut off. There remained only the Canadian market and it hardly necessary to add that the large requirements of the Dominion Government for war purposes preclude our borrowing in that quarter at a rate low enough to make the plan a success.

The main principle of the Farm Loan Act involves the borrowing and the releasing of money with a percentage added to cover administration charges, and it will be seen that to insure effective results a continuous supply of money at a reasonable rate of interest is essential. The government has, therefore, determined that in the interests of the farmer themselves, the present is not an opportune time to commence the loaning of money under the Farm Loan Act, and it has been decided to postpone its operation until conditions become more normal.

Why Hog Prices

Must Remain High

Prior to the outbreak of the war Great Britain took practically all the surplus hams and bacon produced by Denmark, Holland, Ireland, Canada and the United States. The total amount imported in 1915 was 664,000,000 pounds. In addition to the animal fats supplied through the medium of hams and bacon, Great Britain consumed large quantities of vegetable oils, especially olive oil. These were supplied chiefly by Italy, Greece, Turkey and Asia Minor.

At the present time the number of hogs slaughtered in Denmark is forty per cent less than it was in 1915, and the average weight of these is less than seventy-five per cent of the weight of those killed prior to the war; consequently, measured in pounds, the output of bacon in Denmark has been cut in two, and the bulk of this is required for home consumption. At the present moment the Danish government is seriously considering the advisability of prohibiting the exportation of pork altogether.

To Canada and the United States, Great Britain looks for a supply sufficient to cover the shortage in the imports from other countries; but the supply in Canada in 1917 is twenty-seven per cent less than it was in 1915. Consequently it looks as if the burden must fall upon the United States alone unless the Canadian farmer sends his way. So urgent is the need for meat that Lord Rhonda has dined the meat ration of men and women engaged in hard outdoor labor to two pounds per week, or four and a half ounces per day, and he has notified them that unless they limit themselves to that amount voluntarily the entire country will be put on rations, and the limitation will be made compulsory. The allowance to those engaged in office work is even less.

The Farmer and

The Soldier

An Alberta farmer was recently heard to say: "No more swine growing for me. I raised forty head last year and I could have sold the grain bags, because of the buyers' stocks for \$200.00 more than I got for the last week. I got caught once and I know when I've got enough."

But suppose the soldier reasons! The soldier says and said: "No more fighting for me. I was in Cambrai last week and got hurt. I've been hit once and know when I've got enough."

The farmer in question felt no duty resting on him, yet his philosophy rested upon in a large way is just as likely to cause us to lose this war as would that of the soldier. In the language of "The Country Gentleman", there is a fifty-fifty obligation resting on all of us. That of the soldier is fighting that of the general public is producing and saving what is needed to keep the soldier in fighting condition.

European Situation
For the New Year

What the beginning of the new year finds at the battlefronts is outlined by Secretary Baker in his weekly review of military operations issued by the war department at Washington. In the west, he says, the British dominate the Flanders plain with a great wedge into the principal German line at Cambrai, while the French hold the key to the Laon area through the capture of Chemin des Dames.

Italy, supported by the allies, is holding firm while the enemy after battering in vain for six weeks against the defenders is busy preparing for another offensive.

Of Russia the review merely says

the Germans are endeavoring to persuade that country that they are eager to assist in restoring normal conditions and that the German embassy building at Petrograd is being made ready for occupancy.

While the operation of American troops at the front has been confined to narrow limits, the secretary says their presence has heartened the allies and increased faith in final victory.

What the War is

Costing Nations

If the war came to an end this winter its cost would have reached \$145,000,000,000. This is the estimate of Mr. F. W. Hirst, a well-known English economist. He places the cost

of the war to date to Great Britain and the Dominions at \$50,000,000,000, and a similar amount for Germany. Russia's war costs are put at \$27,500,000,000 and those of France at \$25,000,000,000. His opinion is that the portent of the war expenditure figures is still concealed by "curtains woven out of war loans and embroidered with high wages, huge profits, fine words and all the paraphernalia of fictitious prosperity," and he predicts a greater social and economic revolution, a more sweeping change of properties than has been witnessed in Great Britain since the Norman Conquest.

CANADA HAS NEW

BORROWING RECORD.

The remarkable record of Canada's borrowings during the year just ended

is shown in the annual financial survey of the Toronto Globe. The total amount of government, municipal, railway, public utility and miscellaneous bonds issued in the last 12 months is \$728,235,000, as compared with \$510,917,500 in 1916.

Commission Allows

Raise in R. R. Rates

An important judgment was handed down on Wednesday by the board of Railway Commissioners, Ottawa, providing for a 15 per cent increase in passenger rates in all parts of Canada, with the exception of British Columbia, where the maximum rate is not 4 cents per mile. The judgment also permits, subject to the limitations of the Crow's Nest agreement and

certain specific limitations, an increase in freight rates of approximately 10 per cent in the west and 15 per cent in the east.

The judgment points out that "there can be no question, in view of actual results, that the railway require greater revenues, and must have them if proper efficiency is to be maintained and the demands of the country for transportation at all adequately met." Costs of labor, coal and materials have been increasing with the result that the expenses of the Canadian roads are mounting at a much swifter rate than earnings. The increased rates allowed, states the judgment, will certainly not equal the increase in costs to which the railways are subject, and which are not in any way attributable to the railway management.

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ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

School opens next Monday morning at 8:30.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hall spent New Year's in Calgary with friends.

The poultry show held in Medicine Hat last Tuesday was a great success.

The only farmers who profit when hog prices are high are those who have hogs to sell.

C. Kackley, a one-time resident of Redcliff, spent the Xmas vacation in town visiting friends.

FOR SALE—Boarding house, lot 16, block 28, First st. E. Apply to Mrs. Luttitt, First st. E. and Fifth ave.

Sunday, January 6th, has been fixed by proclamation of the king as a special day of prayer throughout the Dominion.

Mrs. E. L. Stone, who spent the Xmas holidays in Maple Creek visiting her parents, returned home Wednesday morning.

Subscribers to the Victory Loan are reminded to bring their receipts with them to the bank when making their second payment, which is now due.

SNAP FOR QUICK SALE—Comfortable four-roomed house, furnished or unfurnished. Gas and water. Apply at Review office.

Ltut C. B. Rally, the Laurier candidate in this constituency in the recent election, has received an important appointment in the French commission at Washington.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British ambassador to the United States, will retire from that post. It is stated that his retirement will not be followed by any change of policy.

Rev. H. C. B. Gibson and Miss Gibson, who have been spending the winter at the Pacific coast, are expected to return home on Saturday. Rev. Wright, who has been taking Mr. Gibson's place during his absence, leaves for Saskatoon tomorrow.

In last week's bowling tournament at Mac's alley W. Wilson won first prize for ten pins and W. Duggan first for five pins. The prize in both cases was a turkey. Another tournament is in full swing for this week and the prizes are a five dollar gold piece for ten pins and a \$2.50 gold piece for five pins.

The regular meeting of the town council will be held next Monday evening.

The regular meeting of the Board of Health will be held Friday evening in the town hall.

R. Wray has entered into partnership with A. Marshall in the gas fitting and tinsmithing business.

Tom McKelvie spent the New Year's holiday in Calgary visiting his sisters and brother.

Mrs. Moran and Mrs. Nicholson spent New Year's day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lavelle.

Alex. Gray of the Review staff, spent a few days this week in the owl district visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mason and family are spending the new year holidays with friends in Swift Current.

Mr. Geo. Lydgate, who has been confined to his home for the past two weeks, is now able to be around again.

WANTED—Good strong boy to drive delivery wagon. Inquire at South End Meat Market, Worts Bros.

Pericy Wray left last Monday for Sunnyside where he has secured a position as teacher in the school at that point.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Learmonth, who has been dangerously ill with pneumonia for the past week, is much improved today.

Barney Saffer, former manager of The Commonwealth, has severed his connection with that store and left last Tuesday for his old home in Manitoba.

A new road has been made into the Rolling Mills farm Broadway, to replace the one cut off by the new building. A cinder path, paralleling the road is also being built.

One of the furnaces at the Rolling Mills was torn down this week and men are now working night and day rebuilding it. They expect to have it completed and ready for operation next Monday.

Mrs. R. R. Stoner entertained a number of her friends to a progressive whist party last Wednesday evening. In all there were eleven tables of enthusiastic whist players which made the games very interesting and closely contested. After summing up the judges awarded the first prize to Mrs. J. Ellis and E. Walcott. Mrs. Wray and C. T. Hall carried off the boobies. After refreshments were served a pleasant musical and social hour was spent.

Ted Osgood leaves for Calgary shortly to report for service.

H. Murphy, formerly C. P. R. agent here, spent yesterday in town on business.

If this mild weather would only make the hens think it was spring it would help some. Eggman.

LOST—A pair of blue serge trousers between the Rolling Mills and 7th street. Finder please leave same at Review office.

An effort is now being made to arrange for a week's outing at the water lake for the Medicine Hat and Redcliff Boy Scouts this summer.

Two naturalized Austrians who have been living here for some time, got notice last week to report for service at Calgary on Jan. 10th.

Mrs. M. L. Crouch, who underwent an operation in the Medicine Hat hospital recently, is now able to be out around again.

The chinook which started in last Sunday brought with it regular snowing weather which took away all the snow again.

Mr. and Mrs. Holland are now comfortably settled in their new home in the house previously occupied by the Diebolt family on Broadway.

Ed Thompson, formerly manager of the Palace Livery barn here, was in town for a few days this week on business. He intends moving to the coast in the near future.

M. Conn has bought out the gun's furnishing business previously known as The Commonwealth, on Broadway. It is his intention to put in a stock of dry goods and groceries in this store.

STRAYED—To the farm of undersigned, 3 head cattle, two cows and one yearling steer. Steer branded A. Lary C; one cow moody spotted red and white, other Hereford "moody." Owner can get same by applying to undersigned and paying expenses. Geo. Dickson, sec. 5 1/2 18-14-6.

Rev. F. T. White's three sons are now in the service doing their bit for king and country. Two sons are wireless operators working under instructions from the "battleship" "Niobe." One of these is at present stationed on Sable Island, the other was in Campdown, ten miles from Halifax at the time of the explosion and in a letter to his father this week, the latter says the explosion shook the doors and windows in the house in which he was eating his breakfast. The third son is a flight lieutenant and has just landed in England with his corps.

Wow! Did you get your gas bill today?

The regular meeting of the Red Cross executive will be held in the society's rooms next Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. John Scott, of St. Catherine, Ont., arrived in town today on his way to Edmonton. While here he was the guest of his old friend E. Hube.

At the weekly Saturday night dance to hold's hall this season a promising contest has been under way. The guessing was on the number of nails in a jar. The contest closed last Saturday night and Mrs. Geo. McKelvie guessed the lucky number, winning the prize.

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